

# **City of Lewiston Press Release**

**Members of the Media:** Below please find a press release **focusing on Mayor Laurent F. Gilbert, Sr.'s, appointment of a Charter Review Committee.** Any media coverage you can render would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Dottie

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**LEWISTON:** Mayor Laurent F. Gilbert, Sr., is announcing that seven (7) individuals are ready to serve on the new **Lewiston Charter Review Committee** with the task of thoroughly reviewing the City's 31-year-old document.

After review, the group is expected to report recommendations to the Lewiston City Council in November. Councilors will then decide if they wish to move forward with any small changes or a full revision. A new charter would require a special vote to elect a Charter Commission, followed by a vote to adopt a new charter.

Gilbert noted, *"Lewiston has greatly evolved since the current charter originated, and I believe it will be well worth our time to see what updates may be necessary. The Lewiston residents who are willing to assist in this task are looking forward to the opportunity."*

Individuals who will serve on the Charter Review Committee are:

**Aaron Burke – Retired Lewiston Teacher**

**Ron Farris – Finance Authority of Maine Financial Analyst (previously served on The Citizens Commission for LA Cooperation)**

**Anthony Ferguson – Local Attorney (previously served on The Citizens Commission for LA Cooperation)**

**Lucien B. Gosselin – President of the Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council (was Lewiston's first City Administrator)**

**Lionel C. Guay, Jr. – Former Lewiston Mayor**

**Paul Robinson – Retired as Program Contracts Manager for The Boeing Company**

**Denis Jean – Retired Lewiston Human Resources Director**

The Charter Review Committee will commence its duties shortly and will receive staff support by City Administrator Edward A. Barrett.

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